

## 2003 CFC-O donations down

*Annual campaign helps better lives, eases burdens of those in need*

by Melanie Casey

**T**he Combined Federal Campaign needs you. Donations so far this year are not as high as organizers had hoped they would be, said Bob Rainbolt, CFC-Overseas project officer and administrator for the 6th Area Support Group.

As of Nov. 1, the 6th ASG had received \$30,000 in contributions and pledges. Headquarters, European Command, had received \$125,000, Rainbolt said.

Last year, the 6th ASG collected more than \$70,000 and Headquarters, EUCOM, garnered \$400,000.

This year's campaign ends Dec. 10.

Those wishing to donate can do so with a one-time cash or check donation or payroll deduction.

CFC-O contributors can choose from more than a thousand charities, all of which are listed on the Web site ([www.cfcoverseas.org](http://www.cfcoverseas.org)) or they can

*No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.*

**Aesop**

*6th Century B.C. Fabulist*

donate to the community by marking "FSYP" on their pledge cards.

To donate, see your unit coordinator or call Rainbolt at 421-4395/civ. 0711-729-4395 or Lt. Col. Chris Farley, project officer and administrator for Headquarters, EUCOM, at 430-7333/civ. 0711-680-7333.

For more information visit [www.cfcoverseas.org](http://www.cfcoverseas.org).

### A CFC success story

The Denson family always contributed to the Combined Federal Campaign, never thinking about how much a participating charity would support them in a time of need.

That is, until Jan. 11, 2002, when baby Abigail came into the world 12 weeks premature and weighing only 10.7 ounces.

She was the fifth-lightest recorded baby in the world. The doctors at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center had little hope for her survival.

During the three months that baby Abigail was in the neonatal intensive care unit, Army Staff Sgt. Wayne Denson from the 596th Maintenance Company commuted from Darmstadt until a participating CFC agency stepped in and provided accom-

modations close to the hospital for him and his family. "It was like a home away from home. Nothing was too much trouble," said Denson, "it was a huge burden lifted off our shoulders."

Happily, Abigail was able to leave Landstuhl Medical Facility and is making remarkable progress. "People don't understand how much these organizations give until they're in a position where they need it themselves," says Denson.

"You can't help but want to support the CFC when you see it being utilized. I am even more inclined to donate and help other people who are experiencing hardship now that I have experienced it first hand."

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### What your donations can do

*Here's a look at how monthly contributions to the CFC-O can make a world of difference:*

**\$50**

*Buys one veterinary kit to help a village's livestock.*

**\$31**

*Purchases medicines to treat 1,000 adults and children for three months.*

**\$20**

*Can deliver a waiting child out of an institution and into the arms of a loving family.*

**\$10**

*Feeds a child for 30 days*

**\$8**

*Supplies a doctor with one surgical kit to assist earthquake victims.*

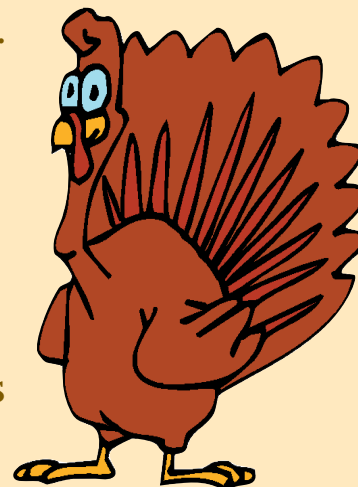
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## Thanksgiving celebrations in Stuttgart

◆ **Annual Kappa Alpha Psi Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner, Nov. 23, 2 to 6 p.m. in the Patch Community Club, free.**

◆ **Traditional Thanksgiving Feast, Nov. 26, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Panzer Dining Facility, \$5.25.**

◆ **Thanksgiving Day Feast catered by the Black Stallion Inn, Nov. 27, noon to 4 p.m. in the Swabian Special Events Center with a culinary show and entertainment, \$5.25.**



### TSP season

The Thrift Savings Plan is in season until Dec. 31.

#### What is TSP?

TSP is a government-sponsored tax-deferred savings plan for federal employees, including service members.

**For details visit [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov).**